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1. On 25 December 1949, a meeting was held in Batang (99-00, 30-00) for the organization of the Eastern Tibet Democratic Self-Government Youth Unit.* The meeting was attended by 20 to 25 young people, mainly Sino-Tibetans.** The organizers were Ming, a Communist of long-standing and former teacher in Lhasa, and Mien Chi Tren, both of whom had been expelled from Lhasa for Communist activities.*** A number of other members of the original group had been in Lhasa but left when the Nationalist officials were expelled in the summer of 1949. As the group became larger, it included about thirty young students from Peiping and eight or ten from Lhasa.
2. The young people's group in Batang made use of a school building which had been leased by the Nationalists from a local mission. In this they had meetings, and established a Communist library for the use of members and of persons who made money donations to the cause.
3. The group was organized into main loaders and group leaders, each of whom had a number of men under him.
4. In February 1950, the young people's group took the initiative in searching the home of a suspected spy, without the backing of the older officials in Batang.****

25X1 [] Comment. One [] called this group the Tibetan
25X1 Young People's Society for Self-Government. He further indicated
that while most young people in Batang were in favor of a change
of regime, 80% of the older residents were not.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. One [redacted] said that a few of the young people were the offspring of marriages between Chinese soldiers and Tibetans. They were Chinese-speaking, educated in Chinese schools.

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